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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7230**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 411**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 6, 2004

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Ballot Form.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Lawson C

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill establishes a ballot form that lists candidates by office for optical scan and electronic voting systems.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** Under current law, ballots for all voting methods: paper ballot, punch card, lever machine, optical scan, and direct recording electronic are required to be listed by party. Under the bill, voting methods other than the paper ballot would be allowed to arrange general election ballots by office, in the order specified under the guidelines of IC 3-11-2 (General Election Ballot Forms). Local election authorities may experience some minimal expenditure to update some ballot forms (printing) to conform with the bill. Counties that currently do not employ an optical scan or direct recording electronic voting system would have to conform to the provisions of the bill upon adoption of one of these voting methods.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** County election boards.

**Information Sources:**

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